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SUBJECT: VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR KUWAIT MEW

1. KUWAIT MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER (MEW) PLANS SEND GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES TO ENGLAND, GERMANY, U.S. AND POSSIBLY FRANCE TO STUDY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE PROGRAMS RELATED TO ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION AND WATER SUPPLY. GOK PLANS TO SET UP TRAINING INSTITUTE WITHIN MINISTRY TO TEACH VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO STUDY TRAINING TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING SIMULATORS, TEXTBOOKS, PHYSICAL SETUP OF SCHOOLS.

2. TRAINING INSTITUTE WILL BE TWO YEAR PROGRAM DIVIDED INTO SEMESTERS. TWO LEVELS ARE PLANNED. ONE DEALS WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS WHO WILL STUDY ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND INSTALLATIONS, REFIGERATION, INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS, WATER WORKS. THESE PEOPLE WILL ACT AS ASSISTANTS TO ENGINEERS. SECOND LEVEL WITH TRAIN ELECTRICIANS, WELDERS, PIPE FITTERS, OPERATORS AND MAINTAINERS OF WATER WORKS, BOILERS AND TURBINES. MINISTRY ENVISIONS 520 ENROLLED FULL TIME IN BOTH LEVELS.

3. CANDIDATE FOR VISIT IS ABDUL-RAHIM IRSHAID WHO HAS APPROX.

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17 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN KUWAIT. IRSHAID FLEXIBLE IN TERMS OF

WHO AND WHAT HE SEES. HE HAS NO RPT NO FIRM PLANS ON TRAVEL WITHIN US WITH EXCEPTION OF PLAN TO VISIT AUSTIN, TEXAS WHERE HE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY. IRSHAID'S WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. PLANS LEAVE FOR EUROPE AROUND JULY 22 AND BE IN U.S. AT END OF JULY.

4. THIS TYPE OF VISIT GIVES U.S. EXCELLENT CHANCE TO FURTHER ACQUAINT KUWAIT WITH OUR TRAINING TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT. LONG TERM PROSPECTS FOR SALE OF U.S. MATERIALS ARE GOOD BUT IRSHAID'S TRIP IS FOR STUDY NOT RPT NOT TO PURCHASE ANY EQUIPMENT. INSTITUTE WILL BE LOCATED IN KUWAIT AND ALL TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE HERE.

5. FOR NEA/RA: REQUEST YOU SUGGEST ITINERARY AND SCHOOLS FOR IRSHAID'S VISIT. E BOFF DISCUSSED WASHINGTON AREA PORTION OF VISIT WITH IRSHAID AND SUGGESTED HE VISIT D.C. ARE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES IF THEY HAVE IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAMS. HE AGREEABLE TO THIS TYPE PROGRAM. ALSO DISCUSSED AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 1510 H. STREET., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH SEEMS LIKELY TO HAVE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF PERTINENT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS. IRSHAID VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING AVA OFFICIALS AND POST REQUESTS NEA/RA ATTEMPT ARRANGE PROGRAM THERE.

6. FOR COMMERCE: BELIEVE IRSHAID VISIT COULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, AND MEW TRAINING PROGRAMS COULD ULTIMATELY HAVE IMPACT ON OTHER MEW PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO US FIRMS. THEREFORE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE USDOC CAN PROVIDE. OCCURS TO US, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT TEXAS FIELD OFFICE WOULD ASSIST IRSHAID WITH HIS PROGRAM IN THAT STATE. SUGGEST USDOC COORDINATE WITH SEARING AT NEA/RA.

7. COMMENT: REGRET SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO ARRANGE PROGRAM. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP SO WE CAN GIVE IRSHAID AN IDEA OF LIKELY PROGRAM IN US. MAY WE SUGGEST TO HIM THAT WE USE SEARING AS POINT OF CONTACT WHILE IN WASHINGTON?  
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